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For the benefit of the numerous Pacific Slopers, so-called, temporarily resident in Washington this winter, and others who may be interested in them, THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN will hereafter print daily reports of the Western mining stocks as received from the authorized stock boards of San Francisco and elsewhere up to the hour of going to press. This will enable our friends from the Occident to find out each morning how things have been "going on" the day before.

RESUMPTION is now a fixed fact; only 22 days more and it will become a legal fact.

THE Southern Democratic Rifle Clubs will yet prove to be the clubs by which the Northern Democracy is to be beaten to death.

WATKINSON has entered upon the work of writing down Secretary EVERTS. It is one of the kindest things done to the Secretary for a long time.

THE story that HAMPTON is worse is a sympathetic dodge. It is the mate that suffers most from mortification, for the reason that HAMPTON has received most public attention.

It is unreasonable for the people to be impatient about the investigation of the cipher dispatches by the POTTER committee. Whitewashing tools are not always ready at hand, and in this case they are quite important.

Now that General GRANT has refused the Bulgarian through the Youngstown News suggests that it should be offered to TILDEN. We second the motion. SAMUEL's most eminent characteristics are of a decided Bulgarian order—spelled with a big V.

THE average Democrat devoutly consigns the cipher-dispatch business to Hades and be d—e with it. Then he recalls the remark, because he don't want to hear of the confounded thing again, as he would if the consignment were to be carried into effect.

It has not escaped general attention that the Northern Dougface Democracy in the House came to the front promptly at the beginning of the session, as they did eighteen years ago, in defense of the Southern Bourbons. The same infamous sycophancy will be observable in the Senate to-day.

"THEY" still have it that Booppe WATKINSON is a candidate for the Secretariatey of the next Senate, his many denials to the contrary notwithstanding. It begins to appear as if HENRY had prearranged things to have honors thrust upon him. "Why? that's the fellow that hired the band," you know.

The Republicans of the South subject themselves to persecution for the empty privilege of casting their votes as freemen when they know very well that they will not be counted. For this they are called "carpet-baggers" and all that sort of thing by so-called Republicans in the North, who would not dare to brave one-half the dangers they do in asserting their rights of citizenship.

HOW MANY Southern Democrats in either House can be accepted as disinterested witnesses regarding the frauds and half-doing in their section last month? Every one of them is at this moment enjoying the bloody result of exactly that kind of work. When they deny the charges alleged by President HAYES against the Southern Democracy they do nothing more nor less than attempt to exculpate themselves from participation in the bloodiest of crimes against free citizenship.

THE Fredericksburg *Vn. Recorder* charges that the controversy between the *Star*, of that city, and THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN is conducted on the part of the *Star* by Colonel J. W. WALTER, a stalwart Republican. We doubt it, for the reason that the *Star* has been rather too feeble for the Colonel's armament. If it should prove true, however, the fact that our adversary has attempted a fight with us behind the intrenchments of the enemy, mounted with "Quaker guns," will account for the rest.

It is argued that Mr. BLACKBURN would not make a good Speaker for the next House because he speaks too much. But it should be said that he always speaks his mind freely and truly. There is no half-way business about him; he is a Southern Bourbon and is proud of it. By all means let us have him for Speaker, instead of a Northern Dougface, who would, after all, as SAM RANDALL now is, be nothing more than a plastic tool in the hands of the Bourbons.

BULL-DOZING is all very well in the eyes of the Democracy when applied to Republicans; but when it is reduced to practice among themselves it is a little objectionable. At a municipal election recently at Augusta, Ga., for the selection of a site for a city market-house, half-doing was resorted to in all its license. There was no party politics in the question, and hence the *Chronicle* and *Constitution* becomes disgusted and piously exclaims: "We just preserve the purity of the ballot if we desire good government for ourselves and our children."

It may be they are blessings in disguise, but to the mind uneducated in Democratic complimentary phrase, the current allusions in the Democratic press to Mr. FERNANDO WOOD sound very much

like curses loud and deep. The St. Louis *Republican* (Dem.), for example, thinks there was no rhyme or reason in the "row" he inaugurated on the first day of the session. It says "there is nothing in the message to justify Mr. Wood in thus flinging his hat into the ring and precipitating a fight." It then advises the Democrats to appoint a Committee of Safety to keep the Wood-be-leaders from making fools of themselves.

THE vote in the Senate yesterday upon the bill authorizing the appointment of Dr. JUNIUS L. POWELL, an ex-rebel, to be assistant surgeon in the regular army was significant. All the Democrats present voted for it, as well as Senators BURNSIDE, CHAPPEL, CONOVER, PAXDICK, and SPENCER on the Republican side. It is understood that these five gentlemen were persuaded to vote as they did on personal grounds, and in consideration of the fact that Dr. POWELL's service in the Confederate army was rendered during his minority. But it was to be reinstated nevertheless. If rebels are to be reinstated into the army, this is exactly the way to begin the business.

THE Democratic party controls the House, the Southern Democratic members cast the Southern party's ballot. The Southern Democrats, consequently, are responsible for the action of the House. They should, therefore, boldly assume that responsibility, elect a Speaker, organize their committee to suit them, and then, proceeding to business, enact just and wholesome laws for the whole country, without regard to sectionalism—Arkansas Democrat.

This notice comes from the Solid South, is served on Mr. Speaker RANDALL in due time, so that he may prepare to vacate the Chair for the benefit of Mr. BLACKBURN. It means that the South owns the Democratic party and intends to enjoy the exclusive use of its property.

BEN HILL has been "eaching," as the saying is, to "tackle" BLAINE again. He has reserved all his energies for such an opportunity, even to the extreme of neglecting his correspondence with Mrs. JENKS. And now he is about to be gratified. Photographs of the "late lamented" will soon be for sale in the shop windows, and they will not be of Mr. BLAINE either. What little there will then be left of Hill will probably be disposed of by the committee of the Georgia Legislature now investigating certain pertinent charges of corruption against him. This "eaching" is a bad business, as the masculine bovine learned in his contract with the locomotive.

The inimical encroachment of the Confederates upon all the branches of the Government is a fact. Senator BROOK has given notice that he will to-day introduce a bill to repeal section 121<sup>st</sup> of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which provides that "no person who has served in any capacity in the military, naval, or civil service of the so-called Confederate States, or of either of the States in insurrection during the late rebellion, shall be appointed to any position in the army of the United States." In other words, he proposes to open the door for the reinstatement in the army and navy of all those high-toned gentlemen who "went South," and, "with their States," who may desire to re-enter the military and naval service.

There is a youthful innocence or willful disregard of facts in the following extract from an editorial in the *Daily Interceptor*, which either betrays a "new hand" at the "belows" or the return of JIM ADDISON to its editorial staff. Alluding to the proposed EMMONS-BLAINE resolution regarding the war amendments to the Constitution, this nursery of young Democratic editors remarks as follows:

"ALTHOUGH it is perfectly notorious that the Southern heart has never yet been died as the result of this proceeding that the debate, if any be provoked on the Democratic side, is carried on more in pertinacity to the Radicals than in any real effort to save the Union, the adoption of a resolution which is invariably passed by a unanimous vote. The Radical statesmen refuse to be convinced, and continue to play the same old melancholy trick over again, year after year, in the hope of inducing an indiscreet member of the Democratic pack and file to do something rash. To enlarge upon the folly of the whole proceeding would be useless, but it is evident that the Government regards these symptoms with indifference, and extermination comes, every life sacrificed and every drop of blood spilled thereby will be upon its head. It never escape the responsibility, if through its heedlessness the horrors of extermination shall fall upon that section of our common country."

The colored people of South Carolina are a peaceful, order-loving, law-obeying class of citizens, who ask only that their rights shall be respected while they work out the problem of their future status in the country by the hand of toil, and the elevation of their race to a higher plane of education, intelligence, and usefulness. This is all they have desired or attempted, and yet the soil is dotted with the remains of their murdered members, who have been sacrificed because they would not yield to the threats of those who now threaten their extermination. How long this people will submit to these atrocities without striking back it is impossible to tell; but we warn their oppressors that they may press us to a point where patience will cease to be a virtue, and then the avenging arm of justice may strike back in the face of their persecutors, and it may become a question which of the contending parties shall be exterminated.

The colored people and their white friends in South Carolina greatly outnumber the threatening Bourbons, and if extermination is to be the order of the day, the sooner it begins the sooner the country will be aroused to a sense of duty, and the sooner the reign of terror and blood will be over. The negroes neither seek nor provoke such a collision, but if it is pushed upon them under this warning they have only to protect themselves and strike down the hand that is raised to do them harm. The white Republicans of South Carolina are in duty bound to make common cause with the colored Republicans during this war of extermination that is under contemplation to which Republican members in both Houses have been subjected at the hands of their Democratic colleagues. But the *Interceptor* would have us believe that every Democrat is a born Chesterfield, and, in his school-boy phrase, would teach that they are also patriots. It has essayed a prolixities task.

**A WAR OF EXTERMINATION.** The Columbia (S. C.) *Register* is evidently suffering from a severe attack of mental dyspepsia under an effort to digest the present and prospective political situation. It views the horizon and studies its indications with serious alarm, that is full of terrible conjectures as to the inevitable consequences of certain events that are within the range of human possibilities, if not probabilities. For instance, it treats the election of General GRANT in 1880 to the Presidency with all the trepidation that should attach to a foregone conclusion of very serious import. With his eye suffused with blood, the editor of that doleful sheet contemplates the re-election of that honored hero and statesman, and exclaims with much frenzy the—"total extermination of the negro would thus become a necessity." The work would be short, and the end certain; but before it could be accomplished untold miseries would accompany the bloody crusade. These are the dangers which overhang the country should the Republican party place General GRANT in the Presidential chair in 1880.

Here we find the pure osmosis of treason and rebellion, and the warning does not

come a minute too soon for the honor and stability of the nation. The *Register* is the telephone of HAMPTON, and breathes to the public his own hates and revenges, for "out" of the fullness of the heart the mouth "speaketh" in this instance. It is the mouth-piece of HAMPTON and speaks by authority, while HAMPTON himself is the incarnation of Bourbon Democracy—the secret retort in which all the schemes of villainy, fraud, treachery, bold-doing, red-shirting, and murder have been conceived, formulated, and put in execution through such agencies as he has devised. The *Register* has leaked out to public view some of the "true inwardness" of the State of South Carolina to-day, and it is only typical of the plan and purposes of the entire Bourbon "Solid South." Let us smite this expression down a little and extract from it its true meaning. It is nothing more nor less than a declared determination to carry the butcheries of the past five years to a full and bloody extermination of four millions of people, should the people of the United States decide to re-elect General GRANT President in 1880. With such a threat of blood and slaughter ringing in their ears, what are the loyal people of this country most likely to do in the premises? We have not regarded the selection of General GRANT as the Republican standard-bearer for 1880 as among the certainties of the future, for there is intervening time which may bring events and changes that will place that question in a position of remote probability. But, with this bloody menace flaunted in the face of the Republican party—this threat of extermination of four millions of people, who have been made freemen and citizens by the Republican party—unless we greatly mistake the spirit of that party, nothing short of an intervening Providence which shall remove General GRANT from the roll of the living can prevent his nomination and triumphant election in 1880.

This threat of extermination, with its anti-Grant papers are furnishing their old stories of the "solid South" to the public. The *Register* is the chief instrument of this.

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